GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CROSS BORDER TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any improvement on the border/LOC after the statement given by Pakistan President against the terrorist activities;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of incidents of border violation noticed thereafter; and

(d) the fresh measures taken by the Government to prevent the cross-border terrorism?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): No, Sir, keeping in mind the excessive snow fall this winter, no significant change appears to have taken place.

(b) & (c): As per the report of State Government a total number of 761 & 530 incidents of border firing from Pakistan side took place during 2nd fortnight of January 2002 and 1st fortnight of February 2002 respectively as compared to 691 incidents of border firing during 1st fortnight of January 2002.

Despite troops buildup on borders and unfavourable and inclement weather conditions, attempts at infiltration continued and the following major infiltration bids have been foiled by the Security Forces in the period between 13.01.2002 and 15.02.2002.

(i) Jhandi Dhara Chingus Rajouri district, 05 infiltrators were killed by security forces on 28/29-01-2002 .

(ii) Keeri Sector Rajouri district, 02 infiltrators were killed on 06/02/2002 by security forces.

(iii) 09 infiltrators were killed on 15.02.2002 while infiltrating to this side in Basoni Mendhar of district Poonch.

(d): In addition to diplomatic initiatives at various levels and redeployment of troops at borders/LoC the Government, conjointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the Pak ISI in Jammu & Kashmir, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening border management to check infiltration; pro-active action against terrorists within J&K; gearing up intelligence machinery; greater functional integration through an institutional frame-work of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels; improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces and action as per law against over ground supporters of the terrorists.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored in the Unified Headquarters in the State and in Operation Groups at various levels.